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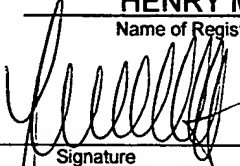
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: BRXIUS-5

In re Application of:	)
WOLFGANG BRIXIUS	)
Appl. No.: 10/721,517	)
Filed: November 25, 2003	)
For: TRANSPORT SYSTEM FOR ARTICLES, IN PARTICULAR CONTAINERS FOR BAGGAGE PIECES, AND CONTROL METHOD FOR THE TRANSPORT SYSTEM	)

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to D). Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

	Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A)	USA	6,394,257	Wheeler	05-28-2002
B)	USA	4,867,299	Fukuoka et al.	09-19-1989
C)	Germany	DE 38 06 036 A1	Schmid et al.	09-07-1989
D)	PCT	WO 96/32205	Huang et al.	10-17-1996

Copies of the German and the International references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

☒ [X] This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 1.53(d), so that no fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 is due.

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☐ The undersigned submits the following statement requesting consideration of this statement:

The undersigned hereby states:

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☐ That no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the statement after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

Reference C) describes a multi-storey transport system, in particular for loading and unloading conveyor belts, in which transport system apparatus elements functioning perpendicularly to the separated storey levels and having in each case at least one vertically movable lifting plate (31) moved by compressed-air-actuated pneumatic cylinders (11, 12) are provided

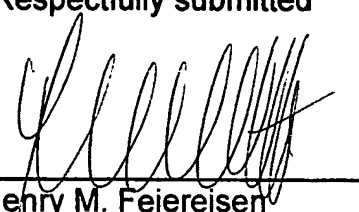
The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

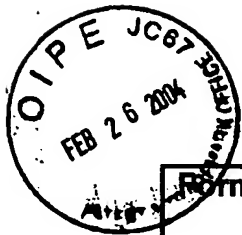
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Respectfully submitted

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